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1. AT REQUEST OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR AFN MOROCCAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES EL KASRI CAME TO DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 6 FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT ISSUES. USG VIEWS ON PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ISSUES WERE PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE IN REFTEL. WE ALSO REMINDED EL KASRI OF GOM VOTES ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS IN LAST YEAR'S UNGA AND EXPRESSED HOPE MOROCCO WOULD BE MORE SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. POSITION WHENEVER AND WHEREVER KOREAN QUESTION ARISES IN FUTURE.

2. EL KASRI TOOK DETAILED NOTES AND PROMISED TO CONVEY USG VIEWS TO RABAT. HE OFFERED NO OBSERVATIONS OF HIS OWN ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUES AND ASKED ONLY ONE QUESTION, "WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO." THIS LED TO A BRIEF CONVERSATION ABOUT PUERTO RICO'S SPANISH HERITAGE AND THE HISTORY
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